

# **Annapolis Environmental Commission**

## **Wednesday, November 17, 2010, 7:30pm**

### **Pip Moyer Recreation Center, Conference 1**

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Members Present:**

Suzanne Pogell, **Chair**  
Ted Weber  
Rachel Rachfal

Ginger DeLuca, **Co-Chair**  
Marie Rinaldi

Chris Kamenoff, **Co-Chair**  
Diane Butler

#### **Members Absent:**

Dan Haas

#### **Staff Present:**

Maria Broadbent

Rob Savidge

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Chair Pogell called the meeting to order at 7:30pm in City Council Chambers.

#### **September 15, 2010**

Ms. Rinaldi moved to approve the September 15, 2010 meeting as amended. Ms. Kamenoff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 7-0.

#### **October 20, 2010**

Ms. DeLuca moved to approve the October 20, 2010 meeting minutes as amended. Mr. Weber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 7-0.

## **BUSINESS**

#### **Outreach**

Ms. Pogell stated that the public comments from the Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) have not been provided. Ms. Broadbent noted that the comments have been posted on the website and to contact Ms. Donegan for the link.

#### **Annapolis DNEP**

#### **Action Items: Recycling Education Campaign**

Ms. Broadbent will be presenting the solid waste recommendations to the Council at their work session on November 18, 2010. This presentation will include a discussion on possibly privatizing some of the functions that are currently being handled in house. She provided a copy of the timeline for solid waste and recycling program changes. She also provided a comparison of the City and County costs for Solid Waste, Recycling and Yard Waste. She circulated a sample of a recycling can top for review. She anticipates a vote from the Council at the meeting. She suggested that the Commission consider participating in outreach to the community associations to further the campaign. She indicated that once the ordinance passes an education program can be developed. She explained that everything that relates to the study will be included in the ordinance and will be working on the suggested wording for the ordinances.

Ms. Broadbent mentioned that she would like to schedule a meeting with Mr. Biba to discuss the Watershed Study and anyone interested in attending should let her know. She said that the plan is not a citywide plan but is a compilation of a few projects on Back Creek. In response to a question regarding who will be responsible for implementing the WIP in the City, Ms. Broadbent said that she would be responsible for the reporting portion. Mr. Weber requested that a Public Works staff attend a meeting to discuss this issue further.

### **IT: Website Regarding Boards and Commissions Workshop Draft**

Ms. Kamenoff reported that Ms. Raftovich is the new Boards and Commission's Coordinator and has been updating the Commission's webpage. It was brought to her attention that the Commission's meeting minutes have not been posted since July. She also reported that the Facebook concern is still in the legal department for policy so should not be used until further notice. She will post the Commission's vacancies on the listserv and webpage.

### **Budget: Use of Funds in 2010**

Ms. Broadbent reported that there is no anticipation of the freeing up of funds for use in this year. Mr. Savidge provided a copy of the final 2010 Sustainable Annapolis Scorecard. The City has saved \$400,000 as result of this program. The government has reached a 7% reduction toward its 50% goal; however, the community has reached 16%. There are four sections and targets for 2011 that are identified in the scorecard. Ms. Broadbent agreed to electronically distribute the details of a program that is for Cities and Towns across Maryland that is similar to the Stewardship Program.

### **Subcommittee**

#### **Grants**

Ms. Butler explained that the Chesapeake Bay Trust has available grant funding that requires City staff participation in preparing the grant documents. Ms. Broadbent was agreeable to scheduling a meeting with the Commission and Mr. Biba to get the process underway.

#### **EcoCenter**

Ms. Pogell explained that there is interest by a business owner to lease environmental space in the Market House. She noted that the Mayor hopes to open the Market House on April 1, 2011.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Joint Meetings with City Council Environmental Matters Meeting**

Ms. Pogell explained this meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2010 between 6:00pm and 8:00pm but it is not certain if it will occur. She will inform the Commission once she becomes aware.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **October 18, 2010 Council Environmental Matters Committee**

Ms. Broadbent reported that the building code changes discussed at the Environmental Matters Committee passed.

### **Adjournment**

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 9:00pm.